GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
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QUALITY OF WORKS UNDER MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints from Members of Parliament that quality of works undertaken by District Heads under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme are not up to the mark;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have sought assistance of Central Vigilance Commission in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that money released is spent for development projects of the respective areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION [SHRI VIJAY GOEL]

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments and the District Collectors have been advised from time to time to take all possible steps to ensure the quality of works executed under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme [MPLADS]. As and when a specific complaint of poor quality of works under the Scheme is brought to the notice of the Government, the District Collector and the State Government concerned are requested to investigate and take immediate corrective measures.

(c)&(d) The Central Vigilance Commission [CVC] was requested to investigate a complaint regarding poor quality of the MPLADS works in the Sheikhpura District of Bihar. As the jurisdiction of the C.V.C. does not extend to the State Governments, the C.V.C. has requested the State Government of Bihar to investigate the matter and submit a report to the Commission.

(e) The implementation of MPLAD Scheme is monitored at the District level, the State level and the Central Government level to ensure that MPLADS funds are utilised for developmental projects on the recommendations of the Hon`ble MPs and in accordance with the Guidelines on MPLADS.